

SENATE BILL 313

By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63,  
Chapter 4, relative to chiropractic physicians.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-4-101, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and substituting the following language:

(1) As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

(A) "Differential diagnosis" means the examination of body systems and structures of a patient to determine the source, nature, and extent of a disease or other physical condition for the purpose of establishing an appropriate plan of care for the patient, which may include referral to another provider for care that is outside the scope of practice of a chiropractic physician; and

(B) "Practice of chiropractic" means the diagnosis and treatment of patients, limited to:

(i) The differential diagnosis of human ailments through examination and evaluation of patients and through the ordering and performance of appropriate diagnostic procedures necessary to clinically correlate a physical examination to a diagnostic impression;

(ii) The location and removal of interference with nerve transmission and nerve function;

(iii) The ordering of X-rays, advanced diagnostic imaging, and other diagnostic procedures;

(iv) The performance of X-rays and other diagnostic procedures for which the chiropractic physician has received training;

(v) The collection of bodily fluids and specimens for analysis;

(vi) The treatment of neuromuscular, musculoskeletal and other conditions through the use of chiropractic adjustment and manipulation; physical agent modalities; physical therapeutics; manual, rehabilitative and other therapeutic care; and mechanical, chemical, electrical, and thermal methods;

(vii) The use of acupuncture by a chiropractic physician who has completed two hundred fifty (250) hours of an accredited acupuncture course and has passed the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners Acupuncture Exam;

(viii) The making of appropriate referrals to other healthcare professionals for conditions that are outside the scope of practice of a chiropractic physician;

(ix) The ordering of durable medical equipment for patients who need such equipment to assist in the restoration of their health; and

(x) The provision of supportive care with due regard for nutrition, hygiene, sanitation, and rehabilitation designed to assist in the restoration and maintenance of a patient's health.

(2) Nothing in this chapter authorizes a chiropractic physician to engage in the practice of medicine and surgery or osteopathy, as defined in chapters 6 and 9 of this title, or to prescribe legend drugs or controlled substances.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-4-101, is further amended by deleting the language of subsection (b) in its entirety and substituting the following language:

(b) As used in this chapter, "chiropractic physician" means a person who is a graduate of a chiropractic college accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education or its successor, or is a graduate of an international chiropractic college approved by the

board of chiropractic examiners, and who has received a license issued by the board of chiropractic examiners.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-4-102(f), is amended by adding the following language immediately following the word "chiropractic":

within this state

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-4-103(1), is amended by deleting the word "given" and substituting the word "approved".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-4-105(c), is amended by deleting the language "fifty dollars (\$50.00)" and substituting the language "one hundred dollars (\$100)".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-4-112(c)(2)(A), is amended by deleting the language "the Tennessee Chiropractic Society".

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-4-123(a)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting the following:

(1) The board shall adopt rules that establish minimum educational standards and criteria for chiropractic therapy assistants performing physical agent modalities, physical treatment, and clinical services under the supervision of a chiropractic physician in the office of the chiropractic physician.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.